

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 58

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased recognize May, 2006, as Elder Abuse Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, Elderly citizens have contributed greatly to the general welfare of this state by helping to preserve its customs, principles, and heritage; they are valued members of our society who enrich our lives with their wisdom and experience; and

WHEREAS, Abuse, neglect, and exploitation of the elderly and of people with disabilities in domestic and institutional settings is a widespread problem that affects hundreds of thousands of people across the country; and

WHEREAS, This problem affected over 46,000 Texans in 2005; it involves both men and women, people of all cultural and ethnic groups, and people of all income levels, and it is often underreported due to the shame and fear of those abused; and

WHEREAS, Many cases investigated by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services involve self-neglect; it is the duty of all citizens to reach out to people in need, regardless of their situation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby call upon the citizens of Texas to work together to fight the problem of abuse of the elderly and the disabled and urge all communities to observe May, 2006, as Elder Abuse Prevention Month; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in recognition of Elder Abuse Prevention Month.

Harris

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 27, 2006.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate